

**Gibbsboro Essay**

The alarm clock rings. You lazily toss your comforter aside and stand up. You walk over to the window and slowly pull the shades aside. You look out your window and you are looking down at Kirkwood Rd, across the street you see Borough Hall and the school. You unlock the window and open it just enough so that the wind is blowing across the room and you smell the sweet scent of spring. Down on the sidewalk someone friendly sees you. They wave. You wave back. You can hear the faint chirping of birds in the background. Someone is off on their morning jog and another person is walking their dog. You are in the friendly town of Gibbsboro, New Jersey. There are residents that have lived here all their lives, giving their time to make our community a better place to live. Let's show our appreciation to them. I believe volunteering is a wonderful way to make a community a better place. My idea is : "Adopt a grandparent!"

In the warmer months it would be helpful to check in make sure their home is cool enough. If they don't have air conditioning and their house is hot, you could bring over a fan, make them a cool drink, or even invite them over. In the winter shovel their walkway, check to see the heat is on in their home. Maybe pick them up some groceries or bake them a pie. Take their pet for a walk, help them cook, even play a game of cards. Just stopping by to give a friendly hello means so much. By doing this, you are not only helping to keep them happy, but you are helping them to be in a safer environment.

A visit is all it takes to show your neighbor you care, so adopt a grandparent and let Gibbsboro, New Jersey be the kind of place you want to come home to.